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Re: Price Road Corridor Project Line Siting Application #170; Docket Control # L-00000B-15-0059-170

Dear Mr. Olea and Ms. Alward,

I want again to invite the Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission to make whatever comment you feel appropriate in writing, by live testimony, or both on the above application of Salt River Project to build a transmission line near the Price Road Corridor in Chandler, Arizona. The Application calls for the construction of approximately three miles of new 230 kV transmission line and two new substations. The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee has an ongoing interest in the technical expertise of your staff in considering applications that come before it, and your legal position in matters relating to the construction of A.R.S. § 40-360 *et seq*.

If you wish to submit your comments in writing, please do so by filing them with Docket Control, with copies to the Applicant and the members of the Committee. If you wish to have one or more members of your staff testify, please notify me by letter containing the names of your staff who would testify and a summary of their proposed testimony. Please file the summary with Docket Control, with a copy to the Applicant, the City of Chandler, and other interested persons, and the Committee members. It would be very helpful if the written opinions or the testimony summary on technical matters were filed and sent on or before the pre-hearing conference on March 26, 2015, so that the Applicants and others will have an opportunity to respond at the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on March 30, 2015.

The Committee likely will be interested in your opinion about whether the proposed project improves the reliability and/or the safety of operation of the grid and the delivery of power in Arizona.

I have also asked the Applicant and any prospective party to provide a legal memorandum to me on the issue:

May the Committee consider the proposed placement of the transmission lines on that portion of the project that is on the Gila River Indian Community, which is not part of the Application, in considering whether to grant authority to build that portion of the project that is not on the Gila River Indian Community but is contained in the Application?

The Applicant has advised me that a portion of the Project will be on the Gila River Indian Community but across the street from homes in the Sun Lakes development. Although it is my opinion the Committee has no jurisdiction over transmission lines on the Gila River Indian Community, it appears the issue of whether the Committee may consider placement on the Gila River Indian Community adjacent to the Sun Lakes development may arise. I have found no binding authority on the issue and I solicit your thoughts, legal and technical, as well as those of the parties in deciding how to rule on the issue if it arises.

We would, of course, welcome your thoughts on any other legal or technical issues relevant to our statutory review that you feel we should consider.

If you have any questions concerning our request, please do not hesitate to call me. We look forward to your input.

Very truly yours,

John Foreman, Chairman

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